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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for National Foreign Assessment
FROM: Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT: Probabilities Use in NIEs ☐

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Although I signed a letter to Professor Ward Edwards of the University of Southern California, I'd like to say I do not really agree with the portion of the second paragraph concerning the introduction of probabilities into National Intelligence Estimates. I really think it would help both you and me in getting the point across that we're trying to bring out uncertainties as much as produce categoric predictions if we force the use of probabilities no matter how subjective. At least I think we should start giving it a try. ☐

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